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Large contract 2nd in month for Army plant

Another multimillion dollar order for the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant has been announced in Washington.

U.S. Rep. George M. O'Brien, R-Joliet, announced Thursday that the Army has ordered an additional \$13.8 million worth of TNT from the plant.

The latest modification of the Army's contract with Uniroyal Inc., operator of the Joliet plant, calls for production of more than 23 million pounds of the explosive by September.

The new order is the second this year for the Joliet plant. Last month O'Brien announced that Uniroyal had been awarded a \$14.6 million contract for 17 million pounds of TNT and for the loading, assembly and packing of a half million rounds of 105-millimeter shells. The TNT production was to be completed by August and the shell loading by October.

Uniroyal employs more than 1,000 persons at the Army-owned plant near Elwood.